

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## HB 2949

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As Reported By Senate Committee On:  
Ways & Means, March 03, 2008

**Title:** An act relating to designating nonappropriated expenses of the liquor control board paid from the liquor revolving fund.

**Brief Description:** Designating nonappropriated expenses of the liquor control board paid from the liquor revolving fund.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Linville, Conway, Armstrong, Condotta, Fromhold and Wood; by request of Liquor Control Board.

**Brief History:** Passed House: 2/15/08, 94-0.

**Committee Activity:** Ways & Means: 2/29/08, 3/3/08 [DP].

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**Majority Report:** Do pass.

Signed by Senators Prentice, Chair; Fraser, Vice Chair, Capital Budget Chair; Pridemore, Vice Chair, Operating Budget; Zarelli, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Fairley, Hatfield, Hobbs, Honeyford, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Parlette, Rasmussen, Regala, Roach, Rockefeller, Schoesler and Tom.

**Staff:** Dean Carlson (786-7305)

**Background:** All revenue received by the Liquor Control Board, including license fees, penalties, and other revenue, is deposited in the Liquor Revolving Account.

Certain administrative expenses are appropriated out of the Liquor Revolving Account. These include salaries and expenses of the board, as well as the cost of establishing, leasing, maintaining, and operating state liquor stores and warehouses. Other expenses, including the costs of liquor and agency commissions for contract liquor stores, are nonappropriated. All expenditures and payment of obligations are subject to allotment requirements.

**Summary of Bill:** The cost of operating, maintaining, relocating, and leasing state liquor stores and warehouses is changed from appropriated to nonappropriated expenses. The cost of opening additional state stores and warehouses continues to be appropriated.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

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**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect on July 1, 2009.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: This will move leasing, utilities, and maintenance from appropriated to nonappropriated. Approximately \$16 million of the \$22.5 million is building leases. These are the day-to-day operations of the liquor stores and will allow us to react as needed.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Rick Garza, Liquor Control Board.